# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

### FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	CRIMINAL NO.:
v.	:	DATE FILED:
MICHAEL RADBILL	:	VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 1347 (Health Care Fraud - 1 count) 26 U.S.C. § 7206(1) (False Tax Return - 1 Count)

# INFORMATION

# COUNT ONE

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES THAT:

At all times material to this Information:

### The Defendant

- 1. Defendant MICHAEL RADBILL was an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Defendant MICHAEL RADBILL maintained a law office at 325 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2. From approximately 1995 through November, 2000, defendant MICHAEL RADBILL represented various clients in personal injury cases, knowing that those clients were not injured and required no medical treatment.
- 3. Defendant MICHAEL RADBILL paid runners to help stage "slip and fall" injuries for his clients and to obtain unnecessary medical treatment. Defendant MICHAEL RADBILL coached his clients to lie about the circumstances and severity of their injuries and pursued personal injury settlements for clients whom

he knew were not injured and required no medical treatment.

Defendant MICHAEL RADBILL caused a total fraudulent loss of approximately \$261,447.16 through this health care fraud scheme.

# Insurance Companies

4. United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company (USF&G) is a health care benefit program providing private plans and contracts under which medical benefits, items and services are paid for and provided to individuals and entities.

# False Health Care Claim of D.S.

- 5. One false health care claim involved a person who, working in an undercover capacity under the direction of law enforcement, was represented by Michael Radbill. In March 1996, this person, referred to here as D.S., reported to USF&G that he had been hit by a Brooks armored car and injured. D.S. was not actually injured.
- 6. In March 1996, a runner working for the defendant MICHAEL RADBILL offered to sign up D.S. to be represented by the defendant MICHAEL RADBILL. D.S. agreed to the representation without meeting the defendant.
- 7. In April 1996, the runner directed D.S. to visit a health clinic to receive treatment. Between April 1996 and July 1996, D.S. saw a physician only once and received no legitimate medical treatment in 15 brief visits to the clinic.
- 8. Between April 1996 and July 1996, USF&G received and paid false health care claims from the health care clinic for

significant treatment provided to D.S., including chiropractic manipulations, electrical stimulation, direct massage, mechanical traction, and ice packs.

- 9. On February 4, 1998, after unsuccessful settlement negotiations, defendant MICHAEL RADBILL filed a civil law suit seeking \$50,000 on behalf of D.S. in the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County. Defendant MICHAEL RADBILL forged his client's signature on documents related to the suit.
- 10. On September 30, 1998, defendant MICHAEL RADBILL met his client D.S. for the very first time at the Arbitration Room, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, in preparation for a scheduled arbitration hearing.
- 11. On September 30, 1998, D.S. advised defendant MICHAEL RADBILL that he had not been injured. Defendant MICHAEL RADBILL told D.S. it did not matter whether D.S. was injured and advised D.S. that he should testify falsely that he was injured.
- 12. On September 30, 1998, defendant MICHAEL RADBILL coached D.S. to lie about the nature and extent of his injuries as well as the nature and extent of his medical treatment, in anticipation of testimony before an arbitration panel.
- 13. On September 30, 1998, defendant MICHAEL RADBILL provided false medical records to the arbitration panel and falsely represented that his client received three months of chiropractic adjustments, electrical stimulation and heat treatments.

14. On October 8, 1998, defendant MICHAEL RADBILL received a settlement from Brooks Armored Car and provided approximately 40% of the settlement amount to D.S.

### Health Care Fraud

15. From in or about March 1996, through October 8, 1998, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the defendant

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knowingly and willfully executed a scheme and artifice to defraud a health care benefit program, that is United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company (USF&G), and to obtain money and property, owned by and under the custody and control of that health care benefit program, by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, by falsely stating, and directing his client to falsely state the circumstances and severity of his injuries and medical treatment, in order to falsely obtain an arbitration award in a personal injury lawsuit.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1347.

# COUNT TWO

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

- 1. Defendant MICHAEL RADBILL was an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Defendant MICHAEL RADBILL maintained a law office at 325 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2. Defendant MICHAEL RADBILL filed false income tax returns for tax years 1997 through 2000 by under reporting the income earned and falsely reporting business expenses in his law practice, Michael Radbill, P.C. Defendant MICHAEL RADBILL filed false tax returns which resulted in a total fraudulent tax loss of approximately \$235,788.
- 3. Defendant MICHAEL RADBILL routinely received settlement checks on behalf of clients he represented in personal injury cases. Defendant MICHAEL RADBILL negotiated the checks with check cashing services and other institutions, outside the normal operation of his law practice, to conceal the source of income.
- 4. Defendant MICHAEL RADBILL falsely created expenses for employee salaries and other business expenses to reduce his tax liability.

5. On or about April 16, 2001, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, defendant

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willfully made and subscribed to a United States Income Tax return for himself and his spouse, Form 1040, for the calendar year 2000, which was verified by a written declaration that it was made under the penalties of perjury and filed with the Director, Internal Revenue Service Center, Newark, New Jersey, which defendant MICHAEL RADBILL did not believe to be true and correct as to every material matter, in that the return reported gross receipts of \$130,535 when in fact, as defendant well knew, he had gross receipts of approximately \$279,015, a difference of \$148,480.

In violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(1).

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